Information to identify the case:

Debtor 1	Benjamin Schmidt	Social Security number or ITIN xxx–xx–7181
	First Name Middle Name Last Name	EIN _ _–_ _ _ _ _ _ _
Debtor 2 (Spouse, if filing)	Nicole Schmidt	Social Security number or ITIN xxx–xx–0503
	First Name Middle Name Last Name	EIN _ _–_ _ _ _ _ _ _

United States Bankruptcy Court   Central District of California

Case number: 6:24–bk–11782–WJ

Order of Discharge – Chapter 7   12/15

IT IS ORDERED: A discharge under 11 U.S.C. § 727 is granted to:

Benjamin Schmidt

[include all names used by each debtor, including trade names, within the 8 years prior to the filing of the petition]

Debtor 1 Discharge Date: 7/15/24

Nicole Schmidt
fka Nicole Priest, fka Nicole Smith

[include all names used by each debtor, including trade names, within the 8 years prior to the filing of the petition]

Debtor 2 Discharge Date: 7/15/24

Dated: 7/15/24

By the court: Wayne E. Johnson
United States Bankruptcy Judge

Explanation of Bankruptcy Discharge in a Chapter 7 Case

This order does not close or dismiss the case, and it does not determine how much money, if any, the trustee will pay creditors.

Creditors cannot collect discharged debts

This order means that no one may make any attempt to collect a discharged debt from the debtors personally. For example, creditors cannot sue, garnish wages, assert a deficiency, or otherwise try to collect from the debtors personally on discharged debts. Creditors cannot contact the debtors by mail, phone, or otherwise in any attempt to collect the debt personally. Creditors who violate this order can be required to pay debtors damages and attorney's fees.

However, a creditor with a lien may enforce a claim against the debtors' property subject to that lien unless the lien was avoided or eliminated. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

This order does not prevent debtors from paying any debt voluntarily or from paying reaffirmed debts according to the reaffirmation agreement. 11 U.S.C. § 524(c), (f).

Most debts are discharged

Most debts are covered by the discharge, but not all. Generally, a discharge removes the debtors' personal liability for debts owed before the debtors' bankruptcy case was filed.

Also, if this case began under a different chapter of the Bankruptcy Code and was later converted to chapter 7, debts owed before the conversion are discharged.

In a case involving community property: Special rules protect certain community property owned by the debtor's spouse, even if that spouse did not file a bankruptcy case.

Some debts are not discharged

Examples of debts that are not discharged are:

- ♦ debts that are domestic support obligations;

- ♦ debts for most student loans;

- ♦ debts for most taxes;

- ♦ debts that the bankruptcy court has decided or will decide are not discharged in this bankruptcy case;

- ♦ debts for most fines, penalties, forfeitures, or criminal restitution obligations;

- ♦ some debts which the debtors did not properly list;

- ♦ debts for certain types of loans owed to pension, profit sharing, stock bonus, or retirement plans; and

- ♦ debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Also, debts covered by a valid reaffirmation agreement are not discharged.

In addition, this discharge does not stop creditors from collecting from anyone else who is also liable on the debt, such as an insurance company or a person who cosigned or guaranteed a loan.

This information is only a general summary of the bankruptcy discharge; some exceptions exist. Because the law is complicated, you should consult an attorney to determine the exact effect of the discharge in this case.